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## Buckeyes roll in Cotton Bowl



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**O**hio State head football coach Urban Meyer hoists the Field Scovell Trophy after his Buckeyes dominated Southern California 24-7 Friday night in the Cotton Bowl in Arlington, Texas. First-half turnovers were the key, as the Trojans donated three of them to the Buckeyes, leading to 21 points. The second half was scoreless, but the Buckeyes' win sends them into the offseason with a 12-2 record and momentum toward next season. **Full coverage, Section D**

### EXTREME WEATHER

## Deep freeze to welcome in new year

From wire reports

New Year's Eve partygoers had best bundle up.

As 2017 turns to 2018, the most-frigid New Year's weather in decades will infiltrate the eastern two-thirds of

the nation.

The latest and most potent in a series of Arctic blasts is set to crash into the north-central United States on Saturday and reach the Eastern Seaboard on Sunday. The blast will uncork piercing cold that will cover

enormous territory by Sunday night. From Billings, Montana, to Boston in the north, and from Oklahoma City to Washington to the south, temperatures will average 15 to as much as 50 degrees below normal.

The temperature averaged over this zone will plummet to a bone-chilling 15.9 degrees in the first hours of Monday, signifying the coldest start to the new year in 70 years of

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### CAMPUS LIFE

## Unknowns stressing college kids

By Jennifer Smola  
The Columbus Dispatch

The fluffy fur of Goldie the labradoodle provided a diversion from the stress of finals. The howl of Penny the Bluetick Coonhound blocked out the pressure of exams.

And for a little while, the pushing of a Crayola pencil on a coloring page helped cool the end-of-semester panic.

Students gathered at these various campus events ahead of finals last month at Ohio State University, but anxiety

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### FRANKLIN COUNTY

## Democrats vote yes every time

By Kimball Perry  
The Columbus Dispatch

There were few surprises and fewer disagreements in 2017 among Franklin County's three commissioners, all of whom are Democrats.

Overseeing Ohio's largest county and a \$1.5 billion budget that provides services to 1.3 million residents, commissioners cast zero "no" votes on the 900-plus

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